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Key Stage 2 sports day 2017

We were all thankful of a cooling breeze during Key Stage 2 sports day this year. There was much camaraderie between the children and the houses as they took part in both class activities and track events. We were thrilled with the level of good sportsmanship that the children showed towards each other and they must be congratulated for this. From javelin throwing to the mini marathon, all children put in their best efforts to give all manner of sports a go. Following the class and track races, the scores were totted up and the final results were as follows:



- 1st place—Endeavour (226 points)
- Joint 2nd place—Atlantis & Enterprise (210 points)
- 3rd place—Challenger (190 points)
- 4th place—Discovery (172 points)

Well done to Endeavour, who will have the trophy adorned with purple ribbons on display on our trophy shelf. We look forward to seeing how Key Stage 1 and Reception do next week.

Head lice

We have had a case of head lice reported to the school last week, following a vigilant parent who checked their child's hair. Please ensure that you check your child's hair regularly (at least weekly) and that cases are treated if they have been discovered.

Year 5 bag packing

If you visited Morrisons supermarket on Monday this week, then you will have met some very helpful children from Monkfield Park, who were bag packing for members of the community. The children practised polite customer service and general interaction with shoppers as they offered to pack their shopping bags in return for donations. The donations will all be going towards the children's Year 6 PGL trip next Summer which will entail a range of outdoor, adventurous activities. We were very impressed by the children's behaviour and professional attitude and many customers commented upon how polite, friendly and courteous our children are. Well done Year 5, you really stepped up to the mark.

Young writer awards - Congratulations to two of our Year 6 children who came in second and third places following their entries into the Young Writer competition, held earlier on this year. We were notified that Rachel had come in second place and Patrick in third and they were both presented this week with certificates and vouchers presented by the Rotary Club of South Cambridge. A small collection of dictionaries was also donated to the school. Well done to both children and everyone who took part in this competition. Our photos shows the second and third place winners, along with some worthy runners up.



Year 4 Mini Olympics

On Tuesday Year 4 children were treated to an action packed day of sport at the Wilberforce Road Sports Ground. Every child tried out 14 different sports led by some fantastic Sports Leaders from local secondary schools. The sports were wide ranging and included: tennis; golf; tug of war; problem solving; long jump; and lots more. Despite the extremely hot weather and non-competitive nature of the event, the children put in a tremendous amount of effort and should be very proud of trying so many new things.

Here's what some of the children thought of the day:

"It was awesome", quoted Isaac from Aquila Class, "We got to do sport all day!"

Louise, also from Aquila Class, loved the dancing, saying, "It was great fun." Carlijn from Cygnus Class particularly enjoyed long jump because, "She had never done it before and loves trying new things."



Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child to tell you five facts they can recall about spiders.

Ask your Year 1 child to tell you one comparison and one difference between a school in Mexico and their school.

Ask your Year 2 child to discuss the most surprising thing that they've learnt about volcanoes.

Ask your Year 3 child to summarise the story of the Snow Queen.

Ask your Year 4 child about the 'Spirit of the Games Values' from the Mini-Olympics.

Ask your Year 5 child how to calculate the area of a polygon.

Ask your Year 6 child their alternative ending for Shackleton's expedition.

Head Teacher roll of honour

Ewan in Delphinus Class—Ewan has really developed a reflective attitude towards his learning and he is willing to use this to improve himself and his work.

Edward in Columba Class—For giving his all in the mini marathon, where he demonstrated complete perseverance in the task.

Friends of Monkfield Park

SUMMER FETE : SATURDAY 17 JUNE - Huge thanks for all our volunteers who helped out with the fete. Thank you also for all the families who attended. What a great turn out !

We are very pleased to be able to announce we made over £2,000 profit!

UNIFORM CO-ORDINATOR—Do you have a couple of hours spare each month? Are you looking for a way to support the school? Then we have a great role for you. We are looking for a Second Hand Uniform Co-ordinator. The role is very easy to do and takes a few hours each month.

Donated uniform needs to be collected from the office. It's then checked for damage and washed before being sorted into sizes.

You would then be responsible for a termly uniform sale to keep funds coming into FOMP. It would be ideal for two or a group of people to do together.

If this sounds like something you could support the school with, please drop us an email. friendsofmonkfieldpark@gmail.com

EASYFUNDRAISING—Have you booked your Summer holiday yet? If not, why not do it via Easyfundraising and raise funds for the school. You can earn up to £40 for the school by shopping through this link:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/monkfieldparkprimaryschoolcambourne/>



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Forthcoming dates

27th June (am) - Reception & Key Stage 1 sports day

14th July—Class swap morning

30th June (am) - Reception & Key Stage 1 reserve sports day

14th July—Reports sent home to families

4th July 2pm—Year 6 performance

17th July 3.30pm—Reports drop in for parents

5th July 6pm—Year 6 performance

19th July 10 am—Year 6 Leaver assembly

19th July—Year 6 Leaver party

20th July—Last day of term for children (end of term lunch)

Playtime Craze

This half term we will be trialling the introduction of a playtime craze. The idea behind the craze is to support the children in developing a particular skill whilst having huge amounts of fun at the same time.

This half term we will be having a tennis theme promoting the tennis freestyle craze. Using school equipment, children will have the opportunity to practise tricks and skills and also compete in an Andy Murray racket challenge. Each half term we hope to introduce a different craze to capture the children's attention in being physical and creative. Keep your eyes on the newsletter for the next craze come September.

Healthy Eating Recipe— Prawn curry (serves 4)

Ingredients:

4 cloves garlic
1 onion
1 tablespoon olive oil
2½ tablespoons curry powder
1 teaspoon garam masala
½ teaspoon turmeric
400g chopped tomatoes, tinned
½ red chilli, chopped finely
200ml water
100g chickpeas
200g prawns
50ml milk
Few coriander leaves

250g basmati rice
500ml boiled water

5g salt

Method

- * Pre-heat the oven to 150C. Pour the basmati rice into an oven-proof dish and pour over the boiling water and salt. Put a lid on the container and place in the oven for 20 minutes.
- * Cook the garlic and onion in olive oil over a medium heat until golden.
- * Pour in the chopped tomatoes and red chilli and stir. Allow to simmer for 20 minutes.
- * Add the curry powder, garam masala and turmeric and water and stir.
- * Add the chickpeas, and allow to cook before adding the prawns and the milk.
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- * Serve the rice and curry in a bowl and garnish with coriander leaves.

